



Army Winter Sports Association

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626 days to the Olympic Winter Games Turin 2006

BIATHLON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD COURSE 1/04, (07 - 18 JUNE 2004) FINAL ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS

Reference:

A. AWSA 3423 Gen dated 05 May 04

1. At Reference A, (which can also be found on the BBU website (www.britishbiathlon.com)) a number of promising athletes were nominated to attend National Development Squad (NDS) Courses run on behalf of the Army Biathlon Union by the British Biathlon Union (BBU). Unfortunately a number of students are unavailable due to operational or training commitments, whilst predictably a number of students (or their Unit) failed to respond. **We are most grateful to the Commanding Officers of those Units who have made their students available.**
2. The students listed below will attend NDS Course 1/04 to be held at East Grange Biathlon Centre (EGBC) from 07 – 18 Jun 04. EGBC is situated adjacent to RAF Kinloss in Morayshire. Full details of the excellent facilities are to be found on the EGBC link on the BBU website

National Development Squad - Junior (NDSJ)

Gnr Simon ALLANSON - 4 Regt RA
Gnr Robert CHUDLEY - 3 RHA
Tpr David DALE – QDG
Gnr Stephen HILL - 3 RHA
LCpl Mark HOLLOWAY - 2 LI
Gnr Kevin KANE - 40 Regt RA

National Development Squad - Senior (NDSS)

Bdr Shane CLASH - 40 Regt RA

3. The following students are unavailable, but remain “on the books”:

LCpl Alex BUCKLAND – 19 Regt RA
Mr Richard COOPER – late 2 RTR
Gdsm Danny FARAM - 1 Gren Gds
Mr Andy HALLETT - unatt (n/a until Apr 05)
Pte Lee TURMEL - 1 GS Regt RLC



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4. Nothing has been heard from the following students and, unless there have been exceptional operational circumstances, they will not be considered further until after Ex Rucksack 2005:

LCpl Ashley ALLEN - 28 Engr Regt
Sig Jack COOK - 216 Sig Sqn
Gnr Chris EVANS – ex 22 Regt RA (new regt n/k)
Hldr Barry HAMILTON - 1 HLDRS
LCpl Scott WEAVER – QRL
2Lt Anna BARKER - AGC Ladies

Admin “Reminders” – additional to, or re-enforcing Reference A

5. Para 3 of Ref A contained most of the basic admin requirements. In addition students are to note the following:
- a. Course fees & EGBC “Membership Fee”. The combined total of £ 100.00 is to be paid on arrival in cash or by cheque payable to “East Grange Biathlon Centre”.
 - b. Arrival: Students are to Email to Sqn Ldr Seaton (ocmes@lossiemouth.raf.mod.uk) of their arrival time and mode of transport. They are to report to the Guardroom RAF Kinloss by 1900 hrs Mon 7 Jun and will be directed to the arrival briefing at the RAF Biathlon Centre.
 - c. Clothing: Civilian clothes only. Sports clothing to be worn most of the time. Up to 3 changes of sports clothing per day (2 outdoor, one indoor) – laundry and drying facilities are available; outdoor high-visibility vest; small day rucsac; drinking system or water bottles for rucsac; training logbook; notebooks and writing materials; cross-country ski gloves (preferably 2 pairs); lightweight waterproof clothing; ski hat; and personal clothing and ancillaries for 2 weeks.
 - d. Discipline and Chain of Command. The course is being run for the AWSA and the British Biathlon Union by the EGBC, but is effectively hosted by RAF Kinloss. The Course Director is Sqn Ldr Gordon Seaton RAF (BASI, BSSF XC Coach Gde IV, BBU RCO Examiner). The Head Coach is double Olympian Cpl Jason Sklenar 28 Engr Regt (GBR Biathlon Team 1990 -2004, BASI.). Although the course is of a “sporting nature” and uniform is not worn, a high standard of discipline is expected. All students will be under daily control of Cpl Sklenar, and under direct command of the Course Director. Any behaviour that could affect either the civilian community or good relations with RAF Kinloss, and hence the future of such courses, will result in instant RTU.
6. Courses Ethos. We look forward to providing you with a challenging, fun, interesting and enjoyable biathlon camp. We intend to make your experience as a ‘professional athlete’ a memorable one, and we aim to move you quickly onto the next rungs of a good sporting career. However the onus for improvement is very much up to you, the student. It is assumed that Vancouver 2010 is your goal; our aim is to help you achieve it.



MJH GOODSON
Lt Col (Retd)
For Chairman Nordic AWSA



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Action (Email):

(Students are to copy this to their 2iC / Nordic Skiing Officer)

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Information (by Email):

Col AP Cowling (Chairman Army Nordic) – HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div

Maj GJ Thompson (Secretary Army Nordic) – D Strat Plans 1 SO1

Sqn Ldr GR Seaton (RAFBU) – RAF Lossiemouth

BBU (Chairman, Technical Director, Development Director, Team Manager, National Team Coach)

AWSA – Maj Ford

Information (by Post):

QRL for LCpl WEAVER

22 Regt RA – Rear Party for Gnr EVANS

28 Engr Regt for LCpl ALLEN

1 HLDRS for Hldr HAMILTON

216 Sig Sqn for Sig COOK

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